

**Partnering for participation, justice, and education: Yancana Huasy, Eleanore's Project, and St. Catherine University.**

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Participants will have the opportunity to learn about a cross-cultural partnership between Yancana Huasy, an NGO which provides services to people with disabilities in Lima, Peru; Eleanore's Project, a US-based non-profit organization focused on ergonomically appropriate wheelchair provision and education; and St. Catherine University occupational therapy program. Over the last four years Eleanore's Project and Yancana Huasy have collaborated to initiate and develop wheelchair services that include educational and clinical components, in order to foster participation of persons with disabilities in the community around Yancana Huasy in Lima, Peru. In 2008 our work expanded to include education of St. Catherine University occupational therapy students. This education combines work experience with mentors in the field and cross-cultural learning within the context of work with children with disabilities and their families, other professionals and Peruvian occupational therapy students. We will share our successes and challenges in developing our on-going partnership.